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# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

*Inside Berlin* shows you the city like you've never seen it. Written entirely by locals, it includes features on the city's street art and galleries and plenty of insider tips. The result is a curated compilation infused with authentic Berlin flavor, accompanied by easy-to-use maps and transit information.

Whether you're visiting Berlin for the first time or a seasoned traveler looking to explore a new neighborhood, this is the guide for you. We've handpicked the top things to do and rated the sights, shopping, dining, and nightlife in the city's most dynamic neighborhoods. Truly exceptional experiences in all categories are marked with a ★.

Restaurants, bars, and coffee shops are a huge part of Berlin's appeal, of course, and you'll find plenty to savor in its diverse neighborhoods. We cover cuisines at all price points, with everything from enduring institutions and groundbreaking chefs to the perfect late-night street snack. We cover hotels in the Experience section at the front of this guide. Use the \$ to \$\$\$\$

## #FODORSONTHEGO

We've highlighted fun neighborhood facts throughout this guide. As you explore Berlin, we invite you to use **#FodorsOnTheGo** to share your favorite discoveries with us.

price charts below to estimate meal and room costs. We list adult prices for sights; ask about discounts when purchasing tickets.

Berlin is constantly changing. All prices, opening times, and other details in this guide were accurate at press time. Always confirm information when it matters, especially when making a detour to a specific place. Visit [Fodors.com](http://Fodors.com) for expanded restaurant and hotel reviews, additional recommendations, news, and features.

### WHAT IT COSTS: Restaurants

\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$
Under €15	€15-€20	€21-€25	Over €25

Prices are the average cost of a main course at dinner or, if dinner is not served, at lunch.

### WHAT IT COSTS: Hotels

\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$
Under €100	€100-€175	€176-€225	over €225

Prices are the lowest cost of a standard double room in high season.



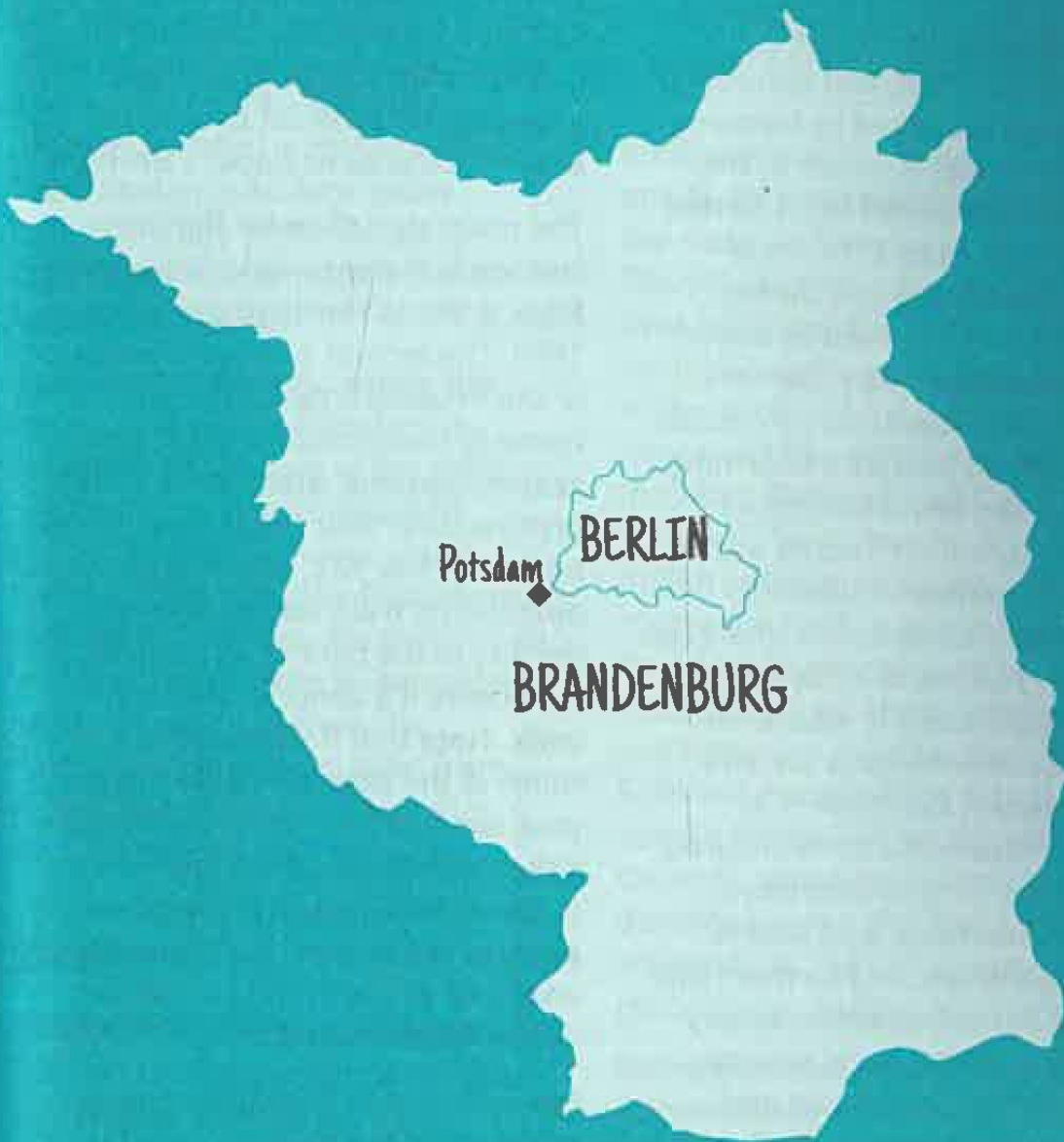
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A trip to Berlin wouldn't be complete without paying a visit to Potsdam, known for its 18th-century baroque architecture, especially Sanssouci Park, the former residence of the Prussian royals. The town center offers historical landmarks, charming boutiques, and café-lined cobblestone streets. The bonus is that it's only a half-hour trip from Berlin.—*by Robin Raven*

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Potsdam is the state capital of Brandenburg (the region surrounding Berlin), and although it was severely damaged by bombing during World War II, much of the city has been restored to its former glory and still retains the imperial character it accrued during the many years it served as a royal residence and garrison quarters. The city center has stately Prussian architecture as well as a charming Dutch quarter, while Sanssouci Park, the city's main tourist attraction and sometimes called the Versailles of Potsdam, is a short bus ride away. Just north of Sanssouci Park is Neuer Garten, where the Schloss Cecilienhof was the site of the Potsdam Conference in 1945. Both are home to manicured gardens, stunning architecture, lakes and fountains, and several palaces, galleries, and former royal buildings. An enthusiastic history buff could happily spend several days exploring the palaces and landmarks of Sanssouci Park and Neuer Garten, but considering that most of the palace interiors are quite similar, and that the city is quite compact and well connected with public transport, one day is generally sufficient for a visit.

Potsdam is on the Havel River, and its small harbor area showing off modern and vintage-style boats is a casting-off point for boat tours around the area or back to Berlin.

The main attraction for Potsdam visitors is the sprawling Sanssouci Park, a World Heritage site since 1990. The former summer residence of the Prussian royals, the park is home to numerous palaces, landscaped gardens, and eye-catching architecture. Your best bet is to hop on Bus 695 or X15, which stops right outside the train station and will get you to the park in 10 minutes. Otherwise it's about a half-hour walk. Note that if you want to see many of the palaces inside the park, your best bet is to buy a *sanssouci+* ticket, which includes timed entry to Sanssouci Palace and anytime-entry to the others; buy it in advance online or at any of the palaces or visitor centers on-site.

Most visitors to Potsdam come for the castles, but the town itself is picturesque, elegant, and compact enough to be explored in an hour or two. It contains both Alter Markt (Old Market) and Neuer Markt (New Market) squares, which show off stately Prussian architecture, while



the Holländisches Viertel (Dutch Quarter) is home to a collection of redbrick, gable-roofed buildings, many of which now house popular restaurants, boutiques, and cafés. Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse, the town's main thoroughfare, is full of coffee shops and restaurants, and Brandenburger Strasse, the pedestrian walking street, often has outdoor café seating and street musicians. Leafy Hegelallee, to the north, with its tree-lined central pedestrian strip, is where you will find Potsdam's historic gates. Potsdam's city center is easily reached by foot or tram from the main train station.

Just north of the city center, the Neuer Garten (New Garden) is along the west shore of the Heiliger See (Holy Lake), with beautiful views. The park is home to the Marmorpalais (Marble Palace) and Schloss Cecilienhof, the last palace built by the Prussian Hohenzollern family. To get here from the Potsdam train station, take Tram 92 and then walk 10–15 minutes; another option is to take a taxi.

## Sights

### **Alter Markt** (*Old Market Square*)

The hub of Potsdam's historical center was home to the city's baroque palace for three centuries. The area was heavily damaged by Allied bombing in World War II and then further destroyed by the East German regime in 1960. After reunification, Potsdam decided to rebuild its palace, and the re-created struc-

## GETTING HERE

Potsdam is 20 km (12 miles) southwest of Berlin's center and a half-hour journey by car or bus. From Zoo Station to Potsdam's main train station, the regional train RE 1 takes 17 minutes, and the S7 line of the S-bahn takes about 30 minutes; use an ABC zone ticket for either service. City traffic can be heavy, so a train journey is recommended.

ture, with a combination of modern and historic elements, has housed the state parliament since 2013. Thanks to private donors, a magnificent replica of the Fortunaportal, or Fortune's Gate, now stands proudly at the center of the square. A gilded figure of Atlas tops the tower of the **Altes Rathaus** (Old City Hall), built in 1755 in the model of an Italian palazzo, its dome meant to mimic the Pantheon's in Rome. The **Potsdam Museum** contains a large collection of paintings, photographs, and historical objects. Karl Friedrich Schinkel designed the Alter Markt's domed **Nikolaikirche** (St. Nicholas Church), which was also heavily damaged in the war and only reopened in 1981 after extensive renovations. ✉ *Alter Markt, Potsdam.*

### **Belvedere auf dem Pfingstberg**

Commissioned by King Friedrich Wilhelm IV, the Belvedere on Pfingstberg was built in the Italian Renaissance style with grand staircases, colonnades, and perfect symmetry. It served as a pleasure palace and lofty observation platform for the royals, and the

towers still offer one of the best views of Potsdam. ☒ *Am Pfingstberg, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/2005-7930 🌐 [www.pfingstberg.de](http://www.pfingstberg.de) ☎ €5 ☺ Closed weekdays Nov.–Mar.

### **Brandenburger Tor, Jägertor, and Nauener Tor**

These gates (translated as the Brandenburg Gate, the Hunter's Gate, and the Nauen Gate) are three of the original seven gates that were incorporated into the old city walls. They were mostly ornamental, erected by noblemen to show off their prowess and accomplishments, and were meant to direct the eye along various axes from the center of the city to grand boulevards radiating outwards. If you follow the promenade that traces the now-demolished city walls, you can see all three of these gates in a 10-minute walk. The **Brandenburger Tor** sits at one edge of Luisenplatz, between the pedestrian streets of the old town and an entrance to Sanssouci Park. Commissioned by Frederick the Great to celebrate his victory in the Seven Years' War, it was built by Karl von Gontard as a Roman triumphal arch. The small **Jägertor** is really nothing more than a simple archway, crowned by a statue of a deer set upon by hunting dogs. Its diminutive size, however, belies its historical importance: it's the only gate in Potsdam still in its original form instead of a restored version. The sandstone **Nauener Tor**, which sits at the northern edge of the bustling, shop-filled main corridor Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse, is the

oldest example of a neo-Gothic structure in continental Europe. It looks something like a mini-castle with its twin turrets. ☒ *Potsdam* 🌐 [www.potsdam.de](http://www.potsdam.de).

### **Heilandskirche Sacrow**

You'd be forgiven for wondering if you'd been transported to Italy when you first glimpse this dreamy lakeside church, complete with a campanile (bell tower) and mosaic-adorned colonnade, from across the Havel Lake or through the Sacrower Schlosspark near Potsdam.

Actually, the church suffered a grim fate for many years, trapped in the no-man's-land of the outer Berlin Wall. From 1961 to 1989, the East German government closed the church, fearing that it would serve as a hiding place for those trying to flee. Now it is restored and again in use, and makes the perfect endpoint to a scenic walk from the lakeside village of Kladow. To reach it, take the S75 train from Central Berlin to S-bahnhof Heerstrasse, then the X34 Bus to Alt-Kladow, then follow Sakrower Landstrasse until it turns into Kladower Strasse and ends at Schloss Sacrow. The path out to the water will take you to the church.

☒ *Fährstr., Potsdam* ☎ 0331/505-2144 🌐 [www.heilandskirche-sacrow.de](http://www.heilandskirche-sacrow.de).

### **Holländisches Viertel**

The center of the small Holländisches Viertel—the Dutch Quarter—is an easy walk north along Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse to Mittelstrasse. Friedrich Wilhelm I built the settlement in the 1730s to entice Dutch artisans who would be able to support the city's rapid



growth. The 134 gabled, mansard-roof brick houses make up the largest Dutch housing development outside of the Netherlands today. Antiques shops, boutiques, and restaurants fill the buildings now, and the area is one of Potsdam's most visited. ☒ *Potsdam.*

### ★ **Neuer Markt** (*New Market Square*)

Neuer Markt (New Market) square has baroque-style architecture similar to that of the Alter Markt square and a handful of the city's best-preserved buildings, some of which date back to the 18th century. ☒ *Neuer Markt, Potsdam.*

### ★ **Neues Palais** (*New Palace*)

A larger and grander palace than Sanssouci, the Neues Palace stands at the end of the long avenue that runs through Sanssouci Park. It was built after the Seven Years' War (1756–63). Impressive interiors include the Grotto Hall with walls and columns set with shells, coral, and other aquatic decorations. The royals' upper apartments have paintings by 17th-century Italian masters. You can tour the palace yourself, with an audio guide, from April through October; the rest of the year you must be accompanied by a tour guide. All visits are at scheduled times when you buy a ticket. ☒ *Sanssouci Park, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/969-4200 🌐 [www.spsg.de](http://www.spsg.de) 🕒 €8 ☺ *Closed Tues.*

### **Park Babelsberg**

Less well known than the gleaming Sanssouci but still impressive, the Schloss Babelsberg was once the summer residence of

Wilhelm I. The expansive park surrounding it has acres and acres of charm, with expansive views, a waterfront promenade, and plenty of historical buildings. Although the castle itself is currently under extensive renovation, there's still plenty to explore, such as the Dampfmaschinenhaus, a 19th-century steam-engine building right on the water, or the Kleines Schloss, which literally translates as "small castle" and today houses an elegant, wood-paneled café. Climb the Flatowturm (Flatow Tower) for a 360-degree view of the surrounding parkland and waterways, and the city of Potsdam in the distance. The tower frequently showcases small historical exhibitions, like a recent one about park landscaping in Germany through the ages, detailing how Park Babelsberg has been restored to its former glory after the fall of the Berlin Wall. ☒ *Schlosspark Babelsberg 10, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/969-4200 🌐 [www.spsg.de](http://www.spsg.de) 🚉 *Wannsee (S-bahn) and Schloss Babelsberg (Bus).*

### **Potsdam Filmmuseum**

Inside this beautiful baroque building, originally the Marstall or Prussian royal stables, film buffs can look into the history of film production in the area—many early silent films, including Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*, were made in the town of Babelsberg, right next to Potsdam, and modern-day filmmakers continue to use the studios. A permanent exhibition called "Traumfabrik" ("The

Dream Factory") details 100 years of filmmaking in Babelsberg. The cinema screens contemporary and historic films, and includes an old film organ, which is still used today to provide music and sound effects alongside silent film screenings.

✉ *Breitestr. 1A, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/271-810 🌐 [www.filmmuseum-potsdam.de](http://www.filmmuseum-potsdam.de)  
 📺 *Permanent exhibition €5, temporary exhibitions €3.*

### **Schloss Cecilienhof** (*Cecilienhof Palace*)

Resembling a rambling Tudor manor house, Schloss Cecilienhof was built for Crown Prince Wilhelm in 1913, on what was then the newly laid-out stretch of park called the Neuer Garten. It was here, in the last palace built by the Hohenzollerns, that the leaders of the allied forces—Stalin, Truman, and Churchill (later Attlee)—hammered out the fate of postwar Germany at the 1945 Potsdam Conference. ✉ *Im Neuen Garten 11, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/969-4200 🌐 [www.spsg.de](http://www.spsg.de) 📺 *From €8.*

### **Schloss Charlottenhof**

After Frederick the Great died in 1786, the ambitious Sanssouci building program ground to a halt, and the park fell into neglect. It was 50 years before another Prussian king, Friedrich Wilhelm IV, restored Sanssouci's earlier glory, engaging the great Berlin architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel to build the small **Schloss Charlottenhof** for the crown prince. Schinkel's demure interiors are preserved, and the most fanciful room is the bedroom, decorated like a Roman tent, with

walls and ceiling draped in striped canvas. Friedrich Wilhelm IV also commissioned the **Römische Bäder** (Roman Baths), about a five-minute walk north of Schloss Charlottenhof. It was also designed by Schinkel, and built between 1829 and 1840. Like many other structures in Potsdam, this one is more romantic than authentic. Half Italian villa, half Greek temple, it is nevertheless a charming addition to the park. ✉ *Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 34a, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/969-4200 🌐 [www.spsg.de](http://www.spsg.de) 📺 *Schloss Charlottenhof €6 with guided tour; Roman Baths €5; combination ticket €8 ☺ Closed Nov.–Apr., and Mon. May–Oct.*

### ★ **Schloss Sanssouci**

Prussia's most famous king, Friedrich II—Frederick the Great—spent more time at his summer residence, **Schloss Sanssouci**, than in the capital of Berlin. Executed according to Frederick's impeccable French-influenced taste, the palace, which lies on the northeastern edge of Sanssouci Park, was built between 1745 and 1747. It is extravagantly rococo, with scarcely a patch of wall left unadorned. Visits to the palace are only allowed at fixed times scheduled when tickets are purchased. During peak tourist months, timed tickets can sell out before noon, so book online in advance.

From Schloss Sanssouci, you can wander down the extravagant terraced



gardens, filled with climbing grapevines, trellises, and fountains to reach the Italianate **Friedenskirche**, or "Peace Church," which was completed in 1854, and houses a 13th-century Byzantine mosaic taken from an island near Venice. ☒ *Park Sanssouci, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/969-4200 🌐 [www.spsg.de](http://www.spsg.de) ☒ *Schloss Sanssouci* €12; *Friedenskirche* free ☺ *Schloss Sanssouci* closed Mon. *Friedenskirche* closed weekdays Nov.-mid-Mar.

## Coffee and Quick Bites

### **Café Guam**

**\$ | Café.** Tucked into a small street of antiques shops and boutiques in the Dutch Quarter, Café Guam is a charming bakeshop that offers visitors a taste of German-style cheesecake. The daily selection includes 6 to 10 different varieties, which rotate among 30 different flavors, including poppy seed, marbled chocolate, and caramelized almond. *Average main: €7* ☒ *Mittelstr. 38, Potsdam* 🌐 [www.cafe-guam.de](http://www.cafe-guam.de) ☒ *No credit cards.*

### **Café Heider**

**\$ | European.** Just across from the Nauener Tor, Café Heider has been serving coffee in this Viennese-style café since 1878. In warmer weather, the outdoor seating has views of the gate; the indoor dining room has large bay windows and plush seating. *Average main: €13* ☒ *Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 29, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/270-5596 🌐 [www.cafeheider.de](http://www.cafeheider.de) ☒ *No credit cards.*

## BACK IN THE DAY

Potsdam plays a central role in the history of film. The world's first major movie studio opened in 1911 in Babelsberg, just east of Potsdam, and turned the area into a prewar Hollywood. Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* and *The Blue Angel* with Marlene Dietrich were both filmed here, and many modern filmmakers continue to use the studios. The historic Filmmuseum Potsdam will interest film buffs.

## Dining

### **Assaggi**

**\$\$\$ | Italian.** Situated on the Luisenplatz, Assaggi offers authentic Italian dishes with plenty of seafood and vegetarian options. The ambience is fun and upbeat at this spacious, modern eatery with open lighting and a black-and-white checkered floor. **Known for:** carpaccio; vongole pasta; steak. *Average main: €20* ☒ *Luisenpl. 3, Potsdam* ☎ 0331/2879-5452 🌐 [www.assaggi-potsdam.de](http://www.assaggi-potsdam.de).

### **Brasserie zu Gutenberg**

**\$\$ | Contemporary.** The Brasserie zu Gutenberg is an authentic brasserie in the heart of the city center. The eatery has a clean, open look with plenty of natural light from its many windows, and the focus here is on fresh German-French cuisine that includes pork schnitzel "Wiener Art," tarte flambé, and crêpes. **Known for:** filet mignon; steaks cooked on a lava-stone grill; fine selection of both French and German wines. *Average*



main: €20 ☒ Jägerstr. 10, Potsdam  
☎ 0331/7403-6878 🌐 [www.brasserie-zu-gutenberg.de](http://www.brasserie-zu-gutenberg.de).

### Der Butt

**\$\$\$ | Seafood.** Potsdam is surrounded by lakes and rivers so the fish served here is almost always local—try the rainbow trout or the eel, fresh from the Havel River; the house beer is brewed in Potsdam. It's just a block from the busy pedestrian shopping area, and has a casual, friendly atmosphere that makes this an excellent spot for a light meal. **Known for:** fresh fish from the Havel; sustainable seafood; local wines and beers. *Average main:* €21 ☒ Gutenbergstr. 25, Potsdam ☎ 0331/200-6066 🌐 [www.der-butt.de](http://www.der-butt.de).

### Maison Charlotte

**\$\$ | Bistro.** This Dutch Quarter restaurant captures the essence of old-world France with its rustic decor and bistro classics, including Breton-style fish soup and coq au vin. The small outdoor area is the perfect spot to people-watch and enjoy a glass of wine on a sunny afternoon. *Average main:* €20 ☒ Mittelstr. 20, Potsdam ☎ 0331/280-5450 🌐 [www.maison-charlotte.de](http://www.maison-charlotte.de) ☒ No credit cards.

### Meierei Brauhaus

**\$ | Burger.** Situated next to the Cecilienhof landing on the banks of the Jungfernsee River, the historical Meierei Brauhaus is an inviting brewpub with a food menu that's as revered as its drink one. Don't miss the beautiful views from the terrace in warm weather.

**Known for:** veggie burgers; bratwurst; local beer. *Average main:* €10 ☒ Im Neuen Garten 10, Potsdam ☎ 0331/704-3211 🌐 [www.meierei-potsdam.de](http://www.meierei-potsdam.de) ☺ Closed Mon.

### Meierei im Neuen Garten

**\$ | German.** At the tip of the Neuer Garten, Meierei brewery serves classic German beer and local cuisine, with hearty dishes like schnitzel and roast pork knuckle. The outdoor terrace has great views of the lake and boats during the warm weather; the indoor tavern seating has rustic charm. *Average main:* €5 ☒ Im Neuen Garten 10, Potsdam ☎ 0331/704-3211 🌐 [www.meierei-potsdam.de](http://www.meierei-potsdam.de) ☒ No credit cards ☺ Closed Mon.

### Old Town Hanoi

**\$ | Vietnamese.** Old Town Hanoi is a Vietnamese restaurant with a casual atmosphere that serves up tofu and rice dishes alongside fresh sushi. The upbeat, efficient staff serves up family-style platters and multiple-course dinners all day. **Known for:** soups; sushi; bun bo nam bo (Vietnamese beef noodle salad). *Average main:* €8 ☒ Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 92, Potsdam ☎ 0331/8170-9640 🌐 [www.old-town-hanoi.de](http://www.old-town-hanoi.de).

### Peter Pane

**\$ | American.** The fun, whimsical Peter Pane offers comfort food with a twist with a huge selection of burgers and creative toppings. Indoor picnic-style tables contribute to the casual vibe at Peter Pane, and guests flock to the eatery to enjoy combo meals from its large menu. **Known for:** fried avocados;

sweet-potato fries; vegan burgers. *Average main: €9* ☒ *Humboldtstr. 1, Potsdam* ☎ *0331/5817-7980* 🌐 *www.peterpane.de*.

**Restaurant & Café Drachenhäus**  
**\$\$ | German.** Drachenhäus, which translates to Dragon House, is named after the dragon imagery on its roof and is housed in a Chinese-style palace in Sanssouci Park. Enjoy the opulent dining room with a historic ambience or dine in one of the three sun terraces during the warmer months to enjoy fresh, creative German seasonal cuisine. **Known for:** locally sourced fish; delectable baked goods from the in-house pastry shop; unbelievable setting in Sanssouci Park. *Average main: €18* ☒ *Maulbeerallee 4, Potsdam* 🌐 *www.drachenhäus-potsdam.de*.

**Restaurant Fiore**  
**\$\$\$ | Modern European.** For a taste of Potsdam's finer side, enjoy a meal at Hotel am Jägertor's restaurant. Chef Rene Tinz highlights regional products and local recipes in creative dishes like rabbit liver with wasabi foam or a deconstructed Waldorf salad with apple gel and walnut oil. *Average main: €23* ☒ *Hotel am Jägertor, Hegelallee 11, Potsdam* ☎ *0331/201-1100* 🌐 *www.hotel-am-jaegertor.de*  
 ☒ *No credit cards.*

**Restaurant Juliette**  
**\$\$\$\$ | French.** Potsdam is proud of its past French influences, and the highly praised French food at this intimate restaurant on the edge of the Dutch Quarter is

served in a lovely space, with brick walls and a fireplace. Restaurant Juliette is affiliated with four other more casual French restaurants in Potsdam, including a creperie and a café. **Known for:** three- to six-course tasting menus, plus à la carte choices; starter plate of seasonal foie-gras preparations; more than 120 wines from Germany and France. *Average main: €26* ☒ *Jägerstr. 39, Potsdam* ☎ *0331/270-1791* 🌐 *www.restaurant-juliette.de*  
 ☹ *Closed Mon. and Tues.*

**Rosenberg**  
**\$\$ | Vegetarian.** This cozy, comfortable vegan café will appeal to all with hearty soups and pasta dishes. With fresh, seasonal ingredients, it's easy to chow down, but diners should save room for the decadent desserts and high-quality coffee with plant-based milk. **Known for:** tasty cakes; seasonal brunch menu; superior sandwiches. *Average main: €12* ☒ *Dortustr. 15, Potsdam* ☎ *0151/1605-0600* 🌐 *www.rosenberg-potsdam.de* ☹ *Closed Sun.*

**Speckers Landhaus**  
**\$\$\$ | German.** This restored Tudor-style cottage is a 10-minute walk from the town center, and well worth a visit for its charming historic architecture and relaxing, farmhouse-style dining room. The menu is unfailingly local, emphasizing produce like white asparagus in spring and pumpkin in fall. **Known for:** monthly changing dishes with regional ingredients; homemade pastas, local game, and German specialties; three spacious

guest rooms decorated in a simple, country-home style. *Average main:* €25 ☒ Jägerallee 13, Potsdam ☎ 0331/280-4311 🌐 [www.speckers.de](http://www.speckers.de) ☺ Closed Sun. and Mon. No lunch.

### Wiener Restaurant and Café

**\$\$\$ | Austrian.** Diners get a taste of Vienna in Potsdam at the Wiener Restaurant and Café. Just a short distance from Sanssouci Park, the café has a nice garden area for warmer weather, and its beloved German and Austrian dishes include *soljanka* soup with meat and cabbage and sauerbraten. **Known for:** Wiener schnitzel; weekend brunches; seasonal German ingredients. *Average main:* €20 ☒ Luisenpl. 4, Potsdam ☎ 0331/6014-9904 🌐 [wiener-potsdam.de](http://wiener-potsdam.de).

## Bars and Nightlife

### BAR-O-meter

This small vaulted cellar lounge, whose comprehensive cocktail list offers more than 180 classics and house creations, is much loved by both locals and visitors. ☒ Gutenbergstr. 103, Potsdam ☎ 0331/270-2880.

### Kneipe Hafthorn

**\$\$ | American.** With seasonal drink and food specials made with the freshest ingredients, Kneipe Hafthorn is a pub with comfort food and refreshing beers. The candle-light, metal lamps, and simple tables set a fun scene indoors; picnic-style tables and benches offer outdoor seating in the warmer months. **Known for:** burgers,

including cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, and chicken burgers; vibrant local vibe; outdoor dining. *Average main:* ☒ Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 90, Potsdam ☎ 0331/280-0820.



## Shopping

### P&B Books

P&B Books is a book-lover's dream with an eclectic and large selection of books, blank journals, and magazines. Discover local authors with books in both English and German. ☒ Press & Books, Station Potsdam, Babelsberger Str. 16, Potsdam ☎ 0331/233-7841.

### Waldstadt-Center

You're likely to find all the basics you need at the Waldstadt-Center. Situated in Potsdam's eponymous district, this shopping center has so many small shops to explore that you could easily spend an afternoon here. There's also a large supermarket where you can get fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables or dessert after dining in one of the center's bistros. ☒ Am Moosfenn 1, Potsdam ☺ Closed Sun.

### Writers Heaven

Selling more than just paint, Writers Heaven is an art supply shop that sells artwork based on graffiti, design, and textiles. The friendly, attentive staff members can help customers design their own T-shirts for a truly one-of-a-kind souvenir. ☒ Brandenburger Str. 4, Potsdam ☎ 0176/5635-8331 🌐 [www.writers-heaven.de](http://www.writers-heaven.de) ☺ Closed Sun.



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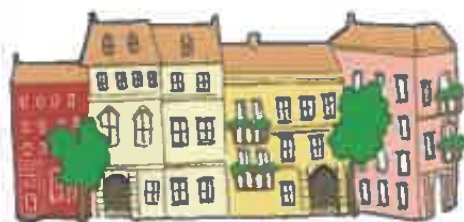
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